

## Metro Beautification & Environment Commission Education Program

### BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: Daffodil Bulb Planting

- WHO:** All public and private schools in Davidson County.
- WHAT:** **50 FREE daffodil bulbs per school** available for use in school beautification projects which include student and teacher participation. **Bulbs must be planted at school.**
- WHEN:** Prepare planting bed in October  
Bulbs available early November (you may have to pick them up from Beautification offices)  
**Bulbs must be planted by the third week of December.**
- PURPOSE:** Beautification of school property  
Community enhancement  
To provide a school science project completed during the school year (plant in fall – bloom in spring)

Prior to ordering your bulbs, consider this: you will need to choose an appropriate site for your flower bed/beds. Your bed will need to be dug 12 inches deep. Daffodils look better in clumps of 12 or more, rather than in long lines one after the other. Daffodil bulbs like sunlight for most of the day but afternoon shade can prolong the life of the flowers and help retain their deep colors. Heavy shade from structures or a dense grove of trees will weaken bulbs and cause a less spectacular display the second year.

**When to plant** – in November or early December and they will bloom in March or April. Bulbs require a cooling period of about 14 to 15 weeks. Good soil preparation is the key to a successful daffodil bed. Spade and prepare the bed to a depth of 12 inches. Break up large clods of dirt. If your soil is heavy or has lots of clay, modify it by mixing in peat moss, sand, compost, humus, ground bark or sawdust. The soil should be loose and porous. The bulbs must have good drainage to prevent rotting and to aid the tender roots as they grow from the basal plate so they can penetrate the ground easily.

Daffodils should be planted 4 to 5 inches deep and 4 to 5 inches apart. **Be sure to plant the bulb pointed end up.** Cover bulb with earth to the top of the ground. Press down firmly but not hard. After your daffodils bloom, remove faded flowers or seed heads. Seed production takes food needed by the bulb for next year's blooms. **DO NOT CUT OFF LEAVES.** Allow them to remain until they have turned brown and dried.

**ORDER FORM FOR DAFFODIL BULBS**  
**(50 PER SCHOOL)**

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of people who will participate in the planting: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will bulbs be planted? \_\_\_\_\_

Will planting be part of educational programming or overall school  
beautification? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Deadline to order bulbs: October 31, 2006**

**Please mail to:**

**Daffodil Bulb Request  
Metro Beautification & Environment Commission  
750 South 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Nashville, TN 37206**

**Or FAX this form to:  
862-5011**